

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 33-64 were previously pending in the application. Claims 34-35, 38, and 58-60 are canceled; claims 33, 36-37, 39-42, 57, and 61 are amended; and new claims 65-74 are added herein. Assuming the entry of this amendment, claims 33, 36-57, and 60-74 are now pending in the application. The Applicant hereby requests further examination and reconsideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and these remarks.

Claim Rejections and Allowable Subject Matter

In paragraph 3 of the office action, the Examiner rejected claims 33-34, 44, 57-58, and 62 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Shalom (US Patent 6,166,601). In paragraph 5, the Examiner rejected claims 35-36, 51-52, and 59 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shalom in view of Dent. In paragraph 6, the Examiner rejected claims 37, 45, 56, and 64 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shalom in view of Dent in view of McNicol. In paragraph 7, the Examiner rejected claim 43 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shalom in view of Kenington. In paragraph 8, the Examiner rejected claims 46, 53, and 55 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shalom in view of Dent, in view of McNicol and further in view of Faulkner. In paragraph 9, the Examiner rejected claim 54 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shalom in view of Voyce. In paragraph 10, the Examiner objected to claims 38-42, 47-50, 60-61, and 63 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicated that those claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. For the following reasons, the Applicant submits that all of the pending claims are allowable over the cited references.

Claim 33 has been amended to include the features of previously pending claim 38. As such, currently amended claim 33 is equivalent to previously pending claim 38 rewritten in independent form. Since the Examiner stated that previously pending claim 38 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, the Applicant submits that currently amended claim 33 is allowable. Since claims 36-37, 39-56, and 71-72 depend variously from claim 33, it is further submitted that those claims are also allowable.

Claim 57 has been amended to include the features of previously pending claim 60. As such, currently amended claim 57 is equivalent to previously pending claim 60 rewritten in independent form. Since the Examiner stated that previously pending claim 60 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, the Applicant submits that currently amended claim 57 is allowable. Since claims 61-64 and 73-74 depend variously from claim 57, it is further submitted that those claims are also allowable.

Support for new claims 65-70 is found as follows:

<u>New Claim</u>	<u>Support</u>
65	Previously pending claims 33, 44, 45, and 47
66	Previously pending claim 46
67	Previously pending claim 48
68	Previously pending claim 49
69	Previously pending claim 50
70	Previously pending claims 57, 62, and 63

New claim 65 recites the features explicitly recited in previously pending claims 33, 44, 45, and 47. For at least some of the reasons that the Examiner indicated that previously pending claim 47 was

allowable, the Applicant submits that new claim 65 is allowable. Since claims 66-69 depend variously from claim 65, the Applicant submits that those claims are also allowable.

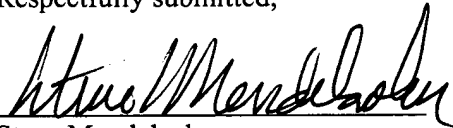
New claim 66 is equivalent to previously pending claim 47. Since the Examiner indicated that previously pending claim 47 was allowable, new claim 66 should also be allowable.

New claim 70 is equivalent to previously pending claim 63 rewritten in independent form. Since the Examiner stated that previously pending claim 63 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, the Applicant submits that new claim 70 is allowable.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, the Applicant believes that the now-pending claims are in condition for allowance. Therefore, the Applicant believes that the entire application is now in condition for allowance, and early and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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